

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-272-C - ORDER NO. 97-556
JUNE 30, 1997

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IN RE: Application for Approval of the Amendment) ORDER
to the Negotiated Interconnection Agree-) APPROVING
ment between BellSouth Telecommunications,) AMENDMENT
Inc. and National Tel.)

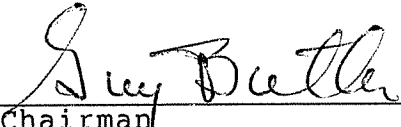
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and National Tel ("National Tel") for approval of the amendment to the negotiated interconnection agreement between the two companies pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

The Commission has examined this amendment to the negotiated agreement and finds that it is consistent with the standards of Section 252 of the Act. We approve the amendment as filed since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition. We further hold, however, that the terms of the amendment are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other amendments, nor is it binding on any other carrier.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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